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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:) CONFIRMATION NO.: 3772

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U.S. Serial No.: 10/663,793) Group Art Unit: 1763

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For: METHOD FOR COATING INTERNAL MEMBER HAVING HOLES IN VACUUM
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND THE INTERNAL MEMBER HAVING HOLES COATED
BY USING THE COATING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2006 is due by October 7, 2006.

The Action required restriction between the following:

Group I of claims 1-4, drawn to a process; and

Group II of claims 5-8, drawn to a product (Electrostatic Chuck).

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I of claims 1-4, drawn to a process, for examination in this application.

Applicants traverse the restriction because all of the product claims belonging to Group II are product-by-process claims necessarily including all of the process steps defined in the method claims of Group I. Please note that the Group II claims 5-8 all depend from, and therefore incorporate the process steps of the Group I claims. Specifically, claims 5 and 6